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Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A collapsible container arranged to be oriented between an assembled position and an inwardly collapsed position, the collapsible container comprising:

a base having first and second pairs of opposed edges, a lower surface and an upper surface, the edges having a plurality of lower hinge members, and the lower surface having a pattern of alternating projection areas and recessed areas extending thereacross;

a first and second pair of opposed side walls having a lower edge with a plurality of upper hinge members formed thereon, the upper hinge members pivotably attached to a corresponding one of the lower hinge members of the base for allowing the side walls to move between the assembled position and the inwardly collapsed position, the first pair of opposed side walls having a pair of opposed lateral flanges inwardly depending therefrom and a main wall portion having an outer surface with plurality of ribbed sections defining recessed sections thereberween, each lateral flange having a first latch portion, the second pair of opposed side walls having a pair of opposed lateral edges each having a second latch portion,

wherein when the container is oriented in the assembled position, adjacent first and second latch portions are releasably attached to each other, and wherein to move the container to the inwardly collapsed position, the adjacent first and second latch portions are released allowing the second pair of side walls to be folded inward and disposed between the base and the first pair of side walls, such that the base is substantially between the lateral flanges on the first pair of opposed side walls and the recessed sections of the first pair of opposed side walls are arranged to receive the projections areas of a corresponding base stacked thereabove.

10. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 9, wherein one of the first and second pairs of opposing edges is defined by an upstanding base wall.

11. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 9, wherein the flanges of the first pair of side walls include a latch release member and the lateral edges of the second pair of side walls have a latch hinge member, such that to move the container to the inwardly collapsed position, the latch release member is actuated by the user allowing the latch hinge member to be released.

12. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 11, wherein the latch release member is actuable in a horizontal direction.

13. (Currently Amended) A collapsible container comprising:

a rectangular bottom panel having a pair of opposed end edges and a pair of opposed side edges, the end edges and side edges having a plurality of bottom hinge members, the bottom panel further having a lower surface and an upper surface, the lower surface having a series of generally parallel projection areas and recessed areas;

a pair of opposed side walls having a plurality of side hinge members pivotably mounted to the bottom hinge members of the side edges, such that the side walls are rotatable relative to the bottom panel between an assembled position and an inwardly collapsed position, the side walls further having a first latch portion; and

a pair of opposed end walls having a plurality of end hinge members pivotably mounted to the bottom hinge members of the end edges, such that the end walls are rotatable relative to the bottom panel between an assembled position and an inwardly collapsed position, the end walls further having a second latch portion and an outer surface having a series of recessed sections,

wherein when the container is oriented in the assembled position, adjacent first and second latch portions are releaseably attached to each other, and wherein to move the container to the inwardly collapsed position, the adjacent first and second latch portions are released allowing the side walls to be folded inward so that the side walls are disposed between the bottom panel and the end walls, such that the recessed sections of the end walls are arranged to receive the projections areas of a corresponding base stacked thereabove when cross-stacked thereon.

~~14~~ 6. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~13~~ 5, wherein the pair of opposed end edges is defined by an upstanding base wall.

~~15~~ 7. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~13~~ 5, wherein the end walls include a pair of opposed, inwardly depending flanges, and the side walls have a pair of lateral edges adjacent the inwardly depending flanges.

~~16~~ 8. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~15~~ 7, wherein the flanges of the end walls include a latch release member and the lateral edges of the side walls have a latch hinge member, such that to move the container to the inwardly collapsed position from the assembled position, the latch release member is actuated allowing the latch hinge member to be released therefrom.

~~17~~ 9. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~16~~ 8, wherein the latch release member is actuable in a horizontal direction.

~~18~~ 10. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~13~~ 5, wherein the upper surface of the bottom panel includes a plurality of upstanding corner portions formed integrally therewith, each corner portion having a plurality of openings for pivotably receiving end hinge members and side hinge members therein.

~~19~~ 11. (Currently Amended) A collapsible container comprising:

a base having a pair of opposed end edges each defined by an upstanding base wall and a pair of opposed side edges, the end edges and side edges having a plurality of hinge receivers, the base further having a base lower surface and a base upper surface, the base lower surface having a series of generally parallel projection areas and recessed areas;

a pair of opposed side walls having a plurality of side hinge members pivotably received by the plurality of hinge receivers of the side edges, such that the side walls are rotatable relative to the base between an assembled position and an inwardly collapsed position, the side walls further having a latching member; and

a pair of opposed end walls having a plurality of end hinge members pivotably received by the hinge receivers of the end edges, such that the end walls are rotatable relative to the base between an assembled position and an inwardly collapsed position, the end walls further having a latch receiver and an outer surface having a plurality of ribbed members oriented generally parallel to each other,

wherein when the container is oriented in the assembled position, the latch receivers releasably receive adjacent latching members portions, and the base, end walls and side walls define a compartment, and wherein to move the container to the inwardly collapsed position, the latch receiver is actuated to release the adjacent latching member allowing the side walls to be folded inward so that the side walls are disposed between the base and the end walls, such that the ribbed members of the end walls are arranged to be received within the corresponding recessed areas of a corresponding base stacked thereabove.

20. (Cancelled).

~~21~~ 12. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~19~~ 11, wherein the end walls include a main body wall and a pair of opposed inwardly depending flanges, wherein the latch receivers are included in the inwardly depending flanges.

~~22~~ 13. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~19~~ 11, wherein the latch receiver is actuable in a horizontal direction.

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~~23~~. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~19~~, wherein the upper surface of the base includes a plurality of upstanding corner portions formed integrally therewith, each corner portion having a plurality of openings for pivotably receiving end hinge members and side hinge members therein.

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24. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~9~~ wherein the lower surface of the base includes an array of alternating projection areas and recessed areas.

25. (Cancelled)

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~~26~~. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container of claim ~~25~~ 9 wherein the lower surface of the base is substantially coplanar with lower edges of the lateral flanges on the first pair of opposed side walls when the first pair of opposed side walls are in the inwardly collapsed position.

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~~27~~. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~9~~ wherein the lower surface of the base includes a grid of ribs having taller portions and shorter portions, the recessed sections of the first pair of opposed side walls arranged to receive the taller portions.

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~~28~~. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim ~~9~~ wherein the projection areas are rectangular, with a recessed area circumscribed by each rectangular projection area.

29. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 19 wherein the recessed sections of the first pair of opposed side walls are arranged to receive the projection areas of the corresponding base cross-stacked thereon.

30. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 19 wherein the base is substantially continuous from each of the projection areas to the upper surface of the base, and wherein the upper surface of the base at least partially defines the interior of the container and is the support surface for supporting items in the container.

31. (New) A collapsible container arranged to be oriented between an assembled position and an inwardly collapsed position, the collapsible container comprising:

a base having first and second pairs of opposed edges, a lower surface and an upper surface, the edges having a plurality of lower hinge members, the upper surface being a support surface for supporting items in the container;

a first and second pair of opposed side walls having a lower edge with a plurality of upper hinge members formed thereon, the upper hinge members pivotably attached to a corresponding one of the lower hinge members of the base for allowing the side walls to move between the assembled position and the inwardly collapsed position, the first pair of opposed side walls having a main wall portion having an outer surface and a pair of opposed lateral flanges inwardly depending from the main wall portion, each lateral flange having a first latch portion, the second pair of opposed side walls having a pair of opposed lateral edges each having a second latch portion,

wherein when the container is oriented in the assembled position, adjacent first and second latch portions are releasably attached to each other, and wherein to move the container to the inwardly collapsed position, the second pair of side walls are folded inward and disposed between the base and the first pair of side walls, such that the upper surface of the base is disposed between the lateral flanges on the first pair of opposed side walls, wherein at least one of the outer surface of the first pair of opposed side walls and the lower surface of the base of a corresponding base of a like container stacked thereabove includes a plurality of projections received within recesses formed in the other of the outer surface of the first pair of

opposed side walls and the lower surface of the base.

32. (New) The collapsible container of claim 31 wherein the lower surface of the base is substantially coplanar with lower edges of the lateral flanges on the first pair of opposed side walls when the first pair of opposed side walls are in the inwardly collapsed position.

33. (New) The collapsible container of claim 31 wherein the projection areas are rectangular, with a recessed area circumscribed by each rectangular projection area.

34. (New) The collapsible container of claim 31 wherein the projections are arranged to be received within the recesses when the like container is cross-stacked on the container.

35. (New) The collapsible container of claim 31 wherein the base includes the projections and wherein the base is substantially continuous and solid from a lower edge of each of the projections to the upper surface of the base.